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CITY RELEASES 2011 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT KICKING OFF SUSTAINABILITY MONTH

INDIANAPOLIS –Mayor Greg Ballard today released *the 2011 Sustainability Report to the Community* to launch the start of Sustainability Month, which marks four weeks of recognition of and encouragement for collaborative work to make Indianapolis a more sustainable and livable city.

“This report provides insight into the policies, programs, and projects begun by the City of Indianapolis over the past year and emphasizes many efforts from the private sector,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “It also recommends various resources available through the City to offer residents ways to find out how they can get involved in creating a more sustainable community.”

Throughout April the City will demonstrate sustainability achievements and encourage more environmental stewardship across the community, beginning today with the release of the *2011 Sustainability Report*.

Highlights from the report include:

- Mayor Ballard announcing plans for the Deep Rock Tunnel Connector, a citywide sewage storage tunnel system that will divert 3.5 billion gallons of sewage from our waterways and save taxpayers more than \$740 million
- First green roof installed on city property
- Development and implementation of the Green Checklist requiring engineers to evaluate all city projects for possible green elements
- Energy-efficiency improvements in Indy Parks facilities saving \$160,000 annually

For more information on the *2011 Sustainability Report* and other initiatives associated with Sustainability Month please visit www.indy.gov/sustainindy.

About Office of Sustainability

Launched in October 2008, the Office of Sustainability was created by Mayor Ballard to be the driving force behind SustainIndy. Its efforts are designed to make Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest. For more information, visit www.indy.gov/sustainindy.

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